

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, July 18, 2016/Ashadha 27, 1938 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Environment, Forest and
Climate Change; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj;
Planning; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural
Development; Shipping; Water Resources, River
Development and Ganga Rejuvenation)**

Total number of questions — 138

Sand stowing of coal mines

1. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether sand stowing of various underground coal mines in the country has been undertaken and evaluated and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the coal mining companies are liable for not undertaking sand stowing as per stipulations and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Odisha and the corrective action taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether possibility of man-made earthquakes has been evaluated on account of improper sand stowing of coal mines, particularly in seismic zone-III; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Synergy between power and coal sector

2. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of coal imported during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures/plans to undertake measures to reduce the shortages of coal and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure synergy between power and coal sectors?

Best quality coal mines in Meghalaya

†3. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the best quality coal mines are available in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, whether the coal mining has been banned in the State;

(c) if so, when this ban was imposed and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would consider to start mining work resolving the reasons of ban; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of farmers affected by Singareni Collieries

4. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that farmers affected by Singareni Collieries OCP-4 project have not been rehabilitated properly; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to help the victims?

Transportation of coal

5. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to ship the coal through coasts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether shipping of coal through coast is considered economic than through railways?

Supply of coal by CIL

6. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited

(CIL) has not supplied at least 65 per cent of the quantity assured in the Letter of Assurances issued to the projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether even the minimum quantity is not dispatched because of inadequate wagon allotment and dispatch by railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Monitoring mechanism for production and dispatch from coal mines

7. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any monitoring mechanism for the quantum of production and dispatch from coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of coal

8. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of coal in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to meet the shortfall of coal through import during current fiscal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Revenue generation from coal tax

9. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal tax has been

increased from 50 rupees (US\$ 0.82) to 100 rupees (US\$ 1.64) per metric ton and the revenues generated from this tax are being pumped into the National Clean Energy Fund, which still remains underutilized due to a serious lack of strategy; and

(b) if so, the details of funds generated and utilized and the reasons for underutilization?

Coal production

10. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan related to coal production to double to 1 billion tonnes by 2019 in the country without compromising environment security; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Supply of coal to TPPs

†11. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantity of coal supplied in tonnes to the thermal power plants (TPPs) during the last five years, year-wise; and

(b) out of the above the details of quantum of coal imported and quantum of coal indigenously produced in coal mines, year-wise?

Import of coal

12. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite being the third largest producer of coal, it is still heavily dependent on coal imports and

India is set to surpass China to become the world's largest thermal coal importer; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto and the plan to control price of finished goods/ services which are dependent on coal?

Road infrastructure for coal supply

†13. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the road infrastructure is insufficient for immediate and timely transportation of coal in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken any special steps in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the amount spent for construction of road infrastructure for this purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Setting up of bio-toilets in village panchayats

14. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has any proposal to set up bio-toilets in a large number of village panchayats in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether it is proposed to expand the scheme throughout the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) the time by which all the village panchayats are likely to be covered under the scheme?

Challenges faced by SBM

15. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is facing challenges such as inadequate funds and struggling to bring in behavioral change in the rural population;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps/measures for providing adequate funds for spending and for propaganda of the mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Open defecation

†16. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of persons going for open defecation has come down in the country because of cleanliness programme and campaign;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the achievement is not as per the expectation in proportion to the amount spent for construction of toilets by the Central Government during the last two years throughout the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) the percentage of rural families of Madhya Pradesh which is still deprived of toilet facility?

Providing technical and financial help to States under NRDWP

†17. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is providing technical and financial help to the States through the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of districts in M.P. that are facing shortage of supply of drinking water, at present;

(d) whether the Central Government has provided sufficient technical and financial assistance to the State Government to ensure the required supply of drinking water to those districts of M.P. that are facing shortage of supply of drinking water; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Swachh Bharat Mission

18. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the progress of Swachh Bharat Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government considers the need for a mid-course correction for better results; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Construction of toilets along with
bathrooms in rural areas**

19. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received suggestions that bathrooms should be built along with toilets in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider making changes in the basic concept of the programme; and

(c) whether Government would fix any time-frame for completing the project across the country?

**Utilising toilets constructed under
SBM**

20. SHRI K.T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of toilets built under the Swachh Bharat Mission which are lying unused or are being used as garbage bins; and

(b) the details of steps, if any, taken by Government to make these toilets usable?

**Construction initiatives for building
toilets**

21. SHRI K.T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the construction initiatives offered by Government to the States for building toilets; and

(b) the details of steps, if any, taken by Government to bring clarity on these initiatives to make them implementable?

**Funds for drinking water and
sanitation**

†22. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drinking water and sanitation schemes started in the country during the last three years;

(b) the State/region-wise details of funds released under these schemes during that period;

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed for completion of these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds from foreign agencies for
drinking water and sanitation
projects**

23. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign agencies are funding drinking water and sanitation projects under implementation in various States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the names of the funding agencies and projects they are supporting in States and Union Territories;

(c) the impact of the project and the additional households to be covered under these projects;

(d) whether State of Kerala has submitted any project for drinking water and sanitation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

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Contaminated drinking water

24. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per UNICEF report, it is a fact that a quarter of the population in India has drinking water on their premises and about sixty seven per cent of Indian households do not treat their drinking water, even though it could be chemically or bacterially contaminated; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken to improve the condition?

Fund under NRDWP

25. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of ₹ 2139 crore as of 26th April, 2016 was available under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) if so, how much money, out of the above, has been spent on rural drinking water till date, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any flexi fund under NRDWP for use by States;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of States which have utilized the fund; and

(e) whether there are any conditions to use this fund and if so, the details thereof?

Providing drinking water and sanitation to every village

26. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country where drinking water and sanitation facilities are yet to be provided, State-wise; and

(b) what are the proposals of Government to provide 100 per cent drinking water and sanitation facilities to every village?

Crisis of drinking water

†27. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the States/main cities facing acute crisis of drinking water and the steps taken by Government to address the problem of water;

(b) the scheme of Government to develop alternative sources of water other than ground water; and

(c) the measures taken during the last two years for providing clean drinking water in rural areas and the amount spent thereon?

Disruption of eco-system due to acid precipitation

28. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lowering of soil and water pH due to acid precipitation and deposition usually through precipitation disrupts eco-system nutrient flows and kill fresh water fish and plants dependent on more neutral or alkaline conditions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve the condition?

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HAARP effect on climate

29. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of High Frequency Active Auroral Research Programme (HAARP) managed jointly by US Air Force and Navy which is capable of effecting devastating impact on world's climate including that of India resulting in destabilization of agricultural and ecological systems;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of preventive measures taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Study on polluted rivers

30. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any detailed study on polluted rivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to address the issue of river pollution?

Trading of rare animals and their parts

31. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about hundreds of websites involved in trade of rare animals and their parts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to bring out guidelines/legislation specifically to curb smuggling and online trading of animals and their parts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent such illegal acts?

Draft National Forest Policy

32. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has come out with a draft National Forest Policy, proposing levy of a green tax;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the policy helps in facilitating ecologically responsible behaviour among stakeholders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tar balls on sea coasts

33. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tar balls were seen on the coasts of Goa during the last three months;

(b) which are the sea coasts where these tar balls were seen; and

(c) what action the Goa Oceanography, State Pollution Control Board, Indian Coast Guard authorities and the Ministry have taken in this regard and the causes identified?

Study on natural calamities due to climate change

‡34. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted on the increase in the occurrence of natural calamities like cloud bursting in Uttarakhand and drought in Bundelkhand due to climate change;

(b) the steps being taken to prevent climate change and the effects thereof; and

(c) the details thereof?

Guidelines on private forests

35. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of guidelines/directions given by the Supreme Court in the matter of private forests;

(b) whether any legal definition of 'private forests' exists;

(c) the names of the States that have undertaken survey of private forests in their respective States;

(d) the nature of guidelines/directions given by the Supreme Court in this regard;

(e) whether State Government can have their own legislation in the matter of private forests and/or amend the Indian Forest Act, 1927; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Waiving off penalty on companies and institutions

‡36. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has waived the penalty imposed on certain companies and institutions and if so, the details of the total amount of penalty waived off during the last two years, company and institution-wise; and

(b) the total number of cases out of the above in which penalty has been reduced and the total loss suffered by the Ministry because of it, during that period?

Estimated e-waste generation

37. SHRI P. L. PUNIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated e-waste generated in the country as of June, 2016 and State-wise details of e-waste generated, if any;

(b) what actions the Ministry has taken against violators of the rules set under E-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011; and

(c) what financial assistance has been provided to implement the Ministry's creation of management structure for hazardous substances?

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Time period for environmental clearances

38. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average time period for environmental clearances for projects in the country;

(b) whether any meeting of top officials of State-level environmental impact authorities was held to emphasise on adhering to time-frame and to cut down delay;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the application for environment and forest clearances is made online and if so, for what products and projects, at the State and district levels; and

(e) whether the time period for process of approval would be reduced and if so, what is the time suggested, with details?

Declaration of nilgais, monkeys and wild boars as vermins

39. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether animal rights organizations have made representations to Government against notifications declaring nilgais, monkeys and wild boars as vermins in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto; and

(c) how Government balances animal welfare laws and the public interest and

development and whether any reasonable restrictions have been put in favour of these animals and if so, the details thereof?

New National Forest Policy

40. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to evolve a new National Forest Policy;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a draft forest policy blue print prepared by the Indian Institute of Forest Management was put out in public domain recently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Death of elephants on train tracks and electric fencing

41. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a number of elephants die while trying to cross the train tracks and coming in contact with electric fencing across the country;

(b) if so, the details of steps proposed to be taken by Government to prevent such incidents in which elephant and its calf dies;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to formulate any comprehensive policy to prevent such incidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Complaints of felling of lush green trees

†42. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Green Tribunal has received complaints of felling of lush green trees from various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Green Tribunal has taken action thereon; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Animal culling

43. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether animal culling is allowed on the request of States to protect crops and restrict to particular areas and period; and
- (b) if so, the names of animals and the States which have sought permission for animal culling?

Rabies among animals

†44. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the risk of contracting rabies is on rise among animals in various zoos in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any steps to prevent it; and

- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Goals of NAP and GIM

†45. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the main goals of the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and the National Mission for Green India (GIM);
- (b) whether the forest cover in the country is decreasing due to encroachment and human activities and if so, the details of estimated loss of forest cover, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to have digital mapping of forest areas in the country and to physically count the trees and if so, by when it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the State/UT-wise details of expenditure incurred funds allocated for GIM per annum?

Safety of forest rangers from poachers and wild animals

46. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India loses more forest rangers to poachers and attacks by wild animals each year than any other country;
- (b) if so, the comparative position in this regard during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to provide for safety of forest rangers from poachers and wild animals?

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Permission for drought-tolerant varieties of GM crops

47. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drought-tolerant varieties of GM crops developed in the country or by other countries;

(b) in view of severe drought conditions year-after-year whether the Ministry tried to look at giving permission to drought-tolerant varieties of GM crops; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Menace of e-waste

†48. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that e-waste is increasing at a fast pace and it is expected to be 52 lakh metric tons in 2020 from the current level of 18 lakh metric tons;

(b) the number of persons involved in e-waste disposal who got ill during the last two years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that throwing of computers, televisions, mobile phones, and CFL bulbs as scraps is also hazardous; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to create awareness among people?

Cutting of trees downstream of Baby Dam at Mullai Periyar

49. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST

AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu Government has sought the permission for cutting of trees downstream of the Baby Dam at Mullai Periyar and for wild life and environmental clearance for the above;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said permissions and clearances are yet to be provided to the State Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay in issuing the same?

Threat on Western Ghats

50. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Western Ghats are threatened by harmful industrial activities such as mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Western Ghats support the single largest population of endangered Asian elephants and vulnerable Indian bison;

(d) whether the harmful industrial development poses a threat to these ecosystem services and the communities that depend on them; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken up by Government in this regard?

Revision of National Forest Policy

51. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government has revoked the draft forest policy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering again to revise the National Forest Policy, 1988; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cowdung cakes for cremation

52. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cowdung cakes are being used for cremation of dead bodies in some parts of the country to save trees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to promote the use of cowdung cakes for cremation of dead bodies?

Permission for culling of wild animals

53. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has accorded permission for culling of some wild animals to some State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government had considered the pain and anguish of animal lovers before giving such permission; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Wetland Conservation Programme

54. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the National Wetland Conservation Programme (NWCP) implemented by Government;

(b) the details of wetlands identified till date which require conservation management intervention, State-wise and year-wise and the criteria adopted for the same;

(c) the role of the Central and State Governments/UT administrations specified including the funding pattern under NWCP;

(d) the institutional framework put in place to oversee the implementation of the programme; and

(e) the funds allocated by Government under the programme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Reduction of green house gases

55. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has fixed its target to reduce the emission intensity of green house gases;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the achievement made, so far;

(c) whether India has argued that developed countries should take more responsibility in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the significant steps taken by Government in this regard?

Delay in release of funds for tiger conservation

†56. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) today when tigers are being killed largely by poachers, the manner in which the safety of tigers could be ensured, with the release of funds by the Centre getting delayed at such time;

(b) whether it is a fact that the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has provided funds for only 6 reserves out of 49 tiger reserves in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to provide funds to all the tiger reserves of the country?

New energy sources

57. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to bring in new energy sources such as geothermal energy etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to establish a developmental framework in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the new energy sources would fulfil the energy requirement of the country?

Importance of solar power storage

58. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified the importance of solar power storage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken to make large scale solar power storage mandatory in the new solar power projects in the country?

Financial assistance for setting up of solar grids

59. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides financial assistance for setting up of solar mini/micro grids;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the financial assistance provided during the last three years including current year, State-wise; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme during that period, State-wise?

Increase in solar power capacity

†60. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has witnessed

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record increase in solar power capacity during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether maximum solar pumps have been established in the country, so far, during those years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Madhya Pradesh has also witnessed adequate increase in solar power capacity during the above period and solar pumps have been installed in a large number; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Adoption of Gujarat solar power model in Delhi

61. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to adopt Gujarat solar power model in Delhi to resolve capital's power crisis; and

(b) if so, the details of this model and how it is going to be implemented in Delhi?

Financing of renewable energy

62. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) which national and foreign banks have expressed their interest to finance the renewable energy projects for solar and wind etc., for generating 2,66,000 MW of power;

(b) what steps the Minister has taken to ensure that these companies cum banks do not get entangled into unnecessary delaying procedural hassles; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide single window clearance to these banks cum companies who would contribute in setting up the renewable energy projects?

Programmes for solar city, Puducherry

63. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Puducherry is one of the solar cities identified by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the programmes going to be undertaken there; and

(c) what is the time-frame given to complete the projects there?

Encouragement of renewable energy

†64. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to encourage renewable energy;

(b) if so, whether Government has considered to take any special step in this regard, till date; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds allocated to IREDA

65. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE : Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to the

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Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) to promote, develop and extend financial assistance for the renewable energy projects during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the extent to which the funds have been utilised by IREDA during the said period;

(c) whether Government proposes to evaluate the functioning of IREDA;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure proper utilisation of funds released to the borrowers by IREDA?

Reduction in budget allocation of the Ministry

66. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to the Ministry during the last three budgets;

(b) whether there has been a successive reduction in the amounts in these years and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government considers that the Ministry needs no substantial funds to continue successful implementation of reforms in functioning of local bodies under 73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution?

Reduction in budget allocation of the Ministry

67. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the budget allocation for the Ministry was cut from ₹ 7,000 crore to ₹ 96 crore this year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what

extent it has affected the implementation of various programmes under Panchayats in the country?

Elections in Panchayats

68. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many Panchayats where elections could not be held due to various reasons during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such Panchayats in Odisha?

Financial assistance for Mission Bhagiratha

69. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has assured of giving money to Mission Bhagiratha started by Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount that NITI Aayog agreed to give;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has also requested for change in the labour and material component under MGNREGA for Mission Bhagiratha;

(d) if so, whether NITI Aayog has agreed to this proposal; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Converging of multiple schemes and programmes

70. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a strategy to put in place a tracking system for monitoring health parameters of targeted beneficiaries by converging multiple schemes and programmes implemented by various Ministries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the schemes would be converged at the district, block and village level; and

(d) if so, by when, monitoring would be done on a real-time basis throughout the country, the details thereof?

NITI Aayog's recommendation on ailing public sector companies

71. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has recommended disinvestment or closure of some ailing public sector companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Special financial assistance to Himalayan States

72. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides any special financial assistance to Himalayan States;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated/released/spent during each of the last three years and the current year in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether Government has constituted any committee to examine the development issues of Himalayan States including infrastructure and livelihood; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh?

Demand and availability of basic amenities

73. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of per capita demand and availability of basic amenities viz. food, water, electricity and housing during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with funds released/utilized during that period State-wise; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to provide basic amenities to the common people in the States especially in Himachal Pradesh?

Performance of Power Finance Corporation

74. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has become the largest NBFC operating in the country, as on March, 2015;

(b) whether, as per a survey conducted by Government, it has been established that PFC has been the sixth largest profit making public sector undertaking among 290 State-owned firms during 2015; and

(c) if so, the details of profit earned by PFC during the last three financial years?

Status of UMPP at Cheyyur, Tamil Nadu

75. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether land acquisition has already

been completed and environmental clearance has been obtained for the 4,000 MW Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP) at Cheyyur in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Central Government is yet to finalise the revised bidding documents for the said project;

(c) whether the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has made a request through a representation to expedite the bidding process at the earliest; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Schemes in power sector

76. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development schemes/ programmes launched in power sector in various States including Uttar Pradesh, State-wise;

(b) the total amount sanctioned, released and utilised under those schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the number of households without any electricity facility, category-wise *e.g.*- rural and urban, SC/ST and others, for each State; and

(d) the total number of villages connected with electricity facility during the last two years including the current year?

Payment of royalty to Uttarakhand for Pancheshwar dam

†77. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the royalty provided by the Central Government to States for exploiting natural resources of the States;

(b) the royalty to be provided to Uttarakhand on generation of power from Pancheshwar dam, which is being constructed in the State;

(c) whether this royalty would be given in the form of power and funds; and

(d) if not, the form of royalty to be provided to the State?

Twenty four hours electricity supply

†78. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide twenty four hours electricity to all the people across the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard, till date; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Smart agricultural pumps for farmers

†79. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide smart agriculture pumps to farmers free of cost;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this direction, so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Naphtha-based power plants

80. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects cleared/sanctioned by Government with naphtha as feed stock during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the total power generation in MW expected from such projects in the country;

(c) the average power generation cost per unit for the said projects;

(d) whether Government proposes to import naphtha for the purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the annual foreign exchange likely to be exhausted by the time all the projects are commissioned?

Distribution of power between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

81. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AP Reorganisation Act mandates that 54 per cent power generated in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana should come to Telangana with rest 46 per cent to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Ministry has noticed that Andhra Pradesh Government is not providing 54 per cent of power to Telangana;

(c) whether this 54 per cent is applicable to projects that are generating power after division even though they were started before bifurcation;

(d) the details of status relating to PPA

before and after bifurcation of State; and

(e) the constraints that the Ministry has in implementing the above provisions?

Revival of SEBs through UDAY

†82. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) to revive and economically improve the State Electricity Boards (SEBs);

(b) if so, the main objectives thereof;

(c) the amount of aid provided by Government under UDAY and the basis of providing this amount State-wise;

(d) the extent of contribution of State as well as the Central Government under UDAY and the system evolved for establishing coordination between these Governments; and

(e) whether any time frame has been fixed for UDAY and if so, the details thereof?

Coal for power projects

83. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of coal for each power project, as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of supply of coal to States during each of the last three years and the current year, as on date;

(c) whether there has been any decrease in supply of coal during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the said requirement of coal?

Implementation of UDAY

84. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Governments have stated that the implementation of Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) would be difficult without certain essential modifications in the scheme;

(b) whether Government is considering to dispense with the requirement of quarterly revision tariffs to offset fuel price changes;

(c) whether Government has recently received a representation from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on the above issues; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government thereon?

National Hydroelectric Policy

85. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place a National Hydroelectric Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the policy; and

(c) if the policy is yet to be finalised, by when it would be ready for implementation?

Electrification of villages

86. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in the country which have not been electrified, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for non-electrification of those villages;

(c) by when those villages would be electrified; and

(d) the details of Government's plan for meeting the increasing demand of electricity and electrification of remote villages?

Panic button on buses

87. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to make it mandatory that all public buses in the country need to have panic buttons on board;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) to what extent this would benefit the public bus commuting passengers and the steps taken by Government to create awareness among the public about this move?

Removal of black spots from NHs in Telangana

88. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road accident black spots on National Highways in Telangana have been identified based on fatalities from 2011 onwards and upto 2014;

(b) if so, the details of black spots on each of the National Highway identified, National Highway-wise; and

(c) what steps the Ministry has taken to remove these black spots?

Installation of safety devices on public transport vehicles

89. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory the installation of GPS or any other vehicle tracking device, alert button and CCTV cameras on all public transport vehicles;

(b) whether the transport vehicles with more than 23 seating capacity would need to have all the three features and vehicles with less than 23 seats must install vehicle tracking device and emergency button;

(c) whether Government had approved the first project under the Nirbhaya fund for installation of the above in public transport vehicles in 32 cities in India; and

(d) if so, the progress made in this regard?

Funding agency for highways and ports

90. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is setting up a dedicated funding agency in the States for highways and ports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is envisaging ₹25 lakh crore

investments in both road and port sectors;

(c) whether the proposed agency would be set up on the lines of Power Finance Corporation with an initial equity capital of ₹ 500 crore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the pattern of funding for the initial equity capital?

Funds for road safety

91. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to earmark one per cent of the total cost of all future highway projects for road safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that the country has one of the highest road fatalities in the world;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the deaths reported due to road accidents during 2015 in the country, State-wise including those reported in Odisha; and

(e) the items of work proposed to be undertaken with the above funds?

Use of municipal solid waste for construction of NHs

92. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) would now be using municipal solid waste for its highway construction programme;

(b) whether the municipal solid waste is likely to be utilised on NH-24 Meerut Expressway on a pilot basis; and

(c) the details of places from where NHAI would be sourcing the municipal solid waste for the purpose?

Rise in road accidents and fatalities

93. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road accidents and fatalities are rising despite measures taken by the Central and State Governments;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made to reduce the rate of accidents, since there were 1,46,000 deaths across India during 2015, with more than 5 lakh accidents; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government, including those under the Pradhan Mantri Sadak Suraksha Yojana in this regard?

Construction of foot over bridges and underpasses on NHs

94. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether executing agencies of road projects explored the possibilities of constructing foot over bridges/pedestrian underpasses on National Highways to prevent accidents, as asked by the Government on 11th April, 2016;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by executing agencies in construction of foot over bridges/pedestrian underpasses; and

(c) the details of action taken against those project executing agencies which did not adhere to the above order?

Proposals for NHs in Puducherry

95. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending proposals which were received from Puducherry Government for taking them up as National Highways (NHs);

(b) whether it is a fact that not even a single NH either 2 lane or 4 lane or 6/8 lane has been constructed during the last two years; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not taking up any project in Puducherry?

Setting up of logistics parks

96. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to reduce transportation cost and minimize pollution by setting up 15 logistics parks in cities with high freight movement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the cities likely to get logistics parks, particularly in Maharashtra?

Ban on old vehicles by NGT

97. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to formulate any action plan for complying with the orders of National Green Tribunal (NGT) to put a ban on all vehicles, which are more than fifteen years old from plying on roads in the whole country including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such plan is likely to be implemented in metros and other cities of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Compensation to people displaced due to Kiratpur-Ner Chowk NH project

98. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 10,000 farmers have been displaced in Himachal Pradesh due to Kiratpur-Ner Chowk National Highway project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these farmers have been provided adequate compensation for their land;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when all the farmers are likely to be given adequate compensation for their land?

Conversion of Pathankot-Mandi NH into four lane

99. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to convert Pathankot-Mandi National Highway into four lane;

(b) if so, the budget allocated therefor; and

(c) the stipulated time limit for completion of four-lane work on this NH and by when the work is likely to be started?

Reducing road accidents

100. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 2015 there were 5.01 lakhs road accidents in India out of which 1.46 lakhs caused deaths;

(b) if so, the major reasons for such huge number of road accidents and loss of lives; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to reduce the number of road accidents and deaths thereafter?

Liquor shops on NHs

†101. SHRI HARIVANSH : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of liquor shops on National Highways (NHs) at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons killed in road accidents in the country due to liquor consumption, State-wise; and

(c) the number of recommendations of the Committee constituted under the supervision of the Supreme Court, implemented by the Ministry and the reasons for not implementing other recommendations?

Release of MGNREGA funds to drought hit States

102. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Central Government in May,

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2016 to release the delayed additional funds under MGNREGA to drought affected States immediately; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of additional funds allocated and released so far, along with the dates of release, State-wise, as per the direction of the Supreme Court?

Acquisition of land in Jharkhand

103. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantum of land acquired by Central agencies during the last three decades in Jharkhand for various projects like mining, power, etc.;

(b) what is the total number of persons who were to be given employment in *lieu* of acquisition of land by various central agencies in the State;

(c) what is the number of persons who have been given employment in the State from amongst those eligible; and

(d) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the instances of employment being given to bogus persons?

Implementation of Kutumbashree programme

104. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to implement the Kutumbashree programme in each State with the successful implementation at present in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details worked out, so far; and

(c) the views of each State particularly of Andhra Pradesh?

Deadline for seeding of MGNREGA workers with Aadhaar

105. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to extend the deadline of seeding MGNREGA workers with Aadhaar since some of the States have so far not achieved the target of linking MGNREGA-Aadhaar;

(b) the difficulties States are facing in seeding MGNREGA-Aadhaar linkage;

(c) whether the Ministry would think of increasing the number of camps and duration of camps to facilitate workers to seed their MGNREGA cards with Aadhaar cards;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Timely payment of wages under MGNREGA

106. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no provision under MGNREGA to compensate workers whose wages have been delayed by more than the stipulated period of 15 days;

(b) if so, the reasons for tardy implementation of Supreme Court orders in this regard; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure timely payment of wages of

workers under the scheme across the country?

Implementation of SPMRM

107. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM);

(b) how many clusters are proposed to be developed under SPMRM, State-wise ;

(c) whether it is a fact that 100 clusters have been identified in the first phase;

(d) if so, the details of clusters identified in Telangana and what is the likely date to fulfil the mission objectives in the identified clusters in the State; and

(e) the amount allocated for the first phase of SPMRM and the share of that State in the first phase?

Performance of SAGY

108. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amenities provided/ targeted to be provided under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY);

(b) the details of villages adopted under SAGY, during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, so far, State-wise;

(c) the details of villages which have been provided with the targeted amenities for Adarsh villages, so far, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the details of villages which have failed to achieve the targets under SAGY, State-wise?

Irregularities in enumeration of BPL beneficiaries in Jharkhand

109. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many irregularities have been noticed in enumeration of BPL beneficiaries in Jharkhand;

(b) whether a large number of genuine beneficiaries below the poverty line have been excluded and those not entitled have been included;

(c) whether Government has any plan to undertake a fresh survey to address this issue;

(d) if so, the timelines within which such a survey would be undertaken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Jharkhand

110. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the length of roads targeted to be constructed in every district of Jharkhand under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) what is the length of motorable roads constructed under this scheme in every district of the State;

(c) whether the quality of roads constructed under PMGSY is unsatisfactory and corrective action is required to ensure that the quality of roads constructed is of higher standards; and

(d) if so, the action taken against guilty contractors and officials?

Amount released for payment of wages under MGNREGA

111. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount released by Government for payment of wages under MGNREGA to various States, especially Punjab, till 30th June, 2016, State-wise ;

(b) whether the amount was increased to meet the payment of wages under MGNREGA in view of serious droughts in some States;

(c) if so, the details thereof in respect of each drought affected State; and

(d) what is the number of person days generated, as on 30th June, 2016, in each State, as compared to the last year?

Fall in work days under MGNREGA

†112. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of families provided employment for 100 days under MGNREGA during 2012 to 2014;

(b) the details of number of families provided employment for 100 days during 2014 to 2016;

(c) the reasons for decline in the said figures; and

(d) whether Government has complied with the declaration of providing employment for additional 50 days in drought-affected States and if so, the details thereof?

Fall in women MGNREGA workers in Puducherry

113. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that women households provided with employment under MGNREGA in Puducherry has been coming down from 43,000 in 2011-12 to 19,000 in 2014-15 and also person days during the same period have reduced from 10.79 days to 2.15 days; and

(b) the details of remedial measures being taken to increase the mandays?

Reduction in wasteland in Andhra Pradesh

114. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has reduced its wasteland area compared to the last five years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise, for the last five years and for what purpose the land is being used?

Meetings of NMC

115. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many meetings of the National Monitoring Committee (NMC) has been held since October, 2015 to discuss among other issues the evictions at Polavaram Dam along with the dates of such meetings;

(b) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has not submitted the full details asked for by NMC; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government would direct NMC to listen to the representatives of tribals and farmers?

Allocation of funds for rural development schemes

116. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of allocation of funds under various rural development schemes during the last two years in States and Union Territories;

(b) the funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred under these schemes in different States and Union Territories during the above period;

(c) whether Government proposes to put a system in place to periodically review their implementation;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government has brought any structural changes for their effective implementation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Maintenance and modernisation of roads in rural areas in Jharkhand and Gujarat

117. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals from Governments of Jharkhand and Gujarat regarding maintenance and modernisation of roads in the rural areas is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering the aforesaid proposals;

(d) if so, the details along with the current status thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of inland waterways in Goa

118. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to develop inland waterways in Goa by dredging six of its rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect the marine ecology of the rivers from impact of dredging?

Satellite port in Goa

119. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to construct a satellite port in Goa;

(b) whether Government has acquired any land for the purpose;

(c) the details of land acquired, proposed to be acquired and the details of land in possession of the Mormugao Port Trust (MPT);

(d) the details of the survey numbers of the land in possession of MPT which Government proposes for the purpose of constructing satellite port; and

(e) mode of financing the project, whether any PPP model partners identified, names of the companies or partnership firms identified?

Strengthening capacity of Chennai Port Trust

120. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chennai Port Trust proposes to invest to strengthen its capacity and to face competition from other ports and if so, the details thereof;

(b) how they propose to fund the investments;

(c) the major activities being undertaken by the port; and

(d) what is the revenue of the port during the last three years and how it compares with the current year, with details?

Expansion of Visakhapatnam port

121. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Visakhapatnam port has undertaken expansion exercise to increase its capacity, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has designed norms and reduced tariff to drive higher productivity, improve utilization of assets and increase competitiveness of major ports and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the steps taken have resulted in handling higher volume of cargo and growth rate, with details; and

(d) whether any agreement has been signed for transport of cargo through rail route and road route for transport of cargo to Nepal and if so, the details thereof?

Development of new ports

122. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to develop new ports in the country including in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Plan to expand coastal shipping

123. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a plan to expand coastal shipping to carry out a bigger share of goods movement and if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many public ports exist now, how many private ports; what are their share in goods handling during the last three years;

(c) how many new ports are envisaged in public and private sectors;

(d) whether any of the public sector ports is running on a loss in recent years and if so, what is the loss; and

(e) what is the case with private ports?

Proposal to start container services from Kakinada seaport in A.P.

124. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to start container services from Kakinada seaport in Andhra Pradesh by exporting seafood products, agriculture-related products, ceramic, fine rice and paper and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modifications in SSCP

125. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the financial allocation for the Sethusamudram Ship Channel Project (SSCP) in the 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 Union Budgets;

(b) whether there has been any modification made in SSCP to avoid touching or rupturing the Rama Setu/Adam's Bridge;

(c) if so, the details of the modifications; and

(d) whether Government has informed the Supreme Court as directed by the Court in Transfer Case No. 26-27 of 2007?

Proposal to start sea water transport service

126. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to start sea water transport service in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government mulls any such cruise, hovercraft service between various coastal towns of Gujarat and Mumbai, Goa etc. from Jamnagar to Mumbai using small ships or ferry boats; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of water transport

127. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any detailed study on the present state of water transport in India through rivers and other inland waterways;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to promote water transport in India; and

(c) whether the Centre is planning to provide any financial assistance to cities towards promoting water transport in India?

Nationalisation of Inter-State rivers

128. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to nationalize all Inter-State rivers so that water resources of the country can be optimally utilized;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has been making persistent demand on the above; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Allocation of funds for improving water availability

129. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/utilized to improve water availability in the country during the last three years including current year, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study across the country to assess water availability at district level;

(c) if so, the details thereof including districts identified with low water availability, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has initiated/ proposes any programme to protect the water sources in villages across the country; and

(e) if so, the villages selected for this purpose and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Sufferings due to change in course of rivers

130. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware about suffering of millions of citizens because of the change in the course of rivers in the country;

(b) the details of incidents of river changing courses having taken place during the last ten years along with the steps taken to prevent such incidents, State-wise;

(c) the State-wise details of allocation and utilization of funds along with measures taken to provide relief to citizens due to river changing phenomenon; and

(d) the details of any policy regarding river changing in the country and if not, the reasons for not having any such policy?

Funds for irrigation schemes in Uttarakhand

†131. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds for various irrigation schemes of Uttarakhand are yet to be released;

(b) if so, the names of the items for which funds are to be released;

(c) whether the Ministry has received proposals for approval of some new projects from the State;

(d) if so, whether the funds have been released for the projects after approval; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Contribution of municipal sewage towards pollution in Ganga

132. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state the details of percentage contribution of municipal sewage from towns located along the bank of river Ganga, out of the total measurable pollution in the said river?

Villages covered under Namami Gange Programme

133. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages covered under the Namami Gange Programme (NGP) for effective management of solid and liquid waste for conservation of river Ganga; and

(b) the total amount earmarked for the said task under NGP?

Execution of Namami Gange Programme

134. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of States whose assistance is required by Government in execution of the Namami Gange Programme; and

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(b) the details steps, if any, taken by this Government to seek the assistance of these States in this regard?

Mass movement for water conservation and rain water harvesting

†135. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to call for mass movement for water conservation and rain water harvesting;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal for linking of rivers for national water grid

136. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any plan or proposal for linking of India's rivers for a national water grid to conserve water resources;

(b) if so, the details and any target date for the completion on decision of the project; and

(c) whether to augment water resources, Government has any proposal to implement desalination of sea water for producing drinking water?

Consultation with States for inter-linking of rivers

†137. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to inter-link the rivers;

(b) if so, the names of rivers planned to be inter-linked and the names of the rivers to be inter-linked in the beginning;

(c) by when this work would be completed and the expected expenditure to be incurred on it;

(d) whether Government has consulted the Odisha and the Telangana Governments in connection with "link river programme"; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Representation from Tamil Nadu on projects of Karnataka

138. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation from Government of Tamil Nadu requesting the Central Government to advise the Government of Karnataka not to proceed with the projects as this would violate the final order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT);

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka had called for an expression of interest for construction of two reservoirs at Mekedatu in violation of the final order of CWDT; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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